

# OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

## Elect Officers For 1978-79



The newly-elected Officers of the Vaad are pictured together at the Jewish Community Centre following their election at the Annual General Meeting of the Community on Wednesday, June 21. Shown from left to right are Issie L. Landau, Treasurer; Sol Shinder, Q.C., First Vice-President; Gilbert Greenberg, President; Alfred Friedman, Second Vice President; Joseph Lief, Q.C., Honorary Secretary; and Hy Hochberg, Executive Vice President.



### New Synagogue Is Born

Here some of the sixty members enrolled in the new Achduth V'Shalom (Unity and Peace) Synagogue meet on June 8 in the Greenbank School Library to sign corporation papers. This Conservative synagogue is based on principles of fellowship, group participation, family seating, single membership and a conscious effort to span the generations. For more information, interested persons who are presently unaffiliated with other congregations can call Mike or Hedy Segal at 820-3105. A public information meeting will be held Thursday, July 6, at 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Jewish Community Centre.

### Jacob Malomet Fund

In tribute to the memory of their son Jacob Daniel Malomet, who was born November 30, 1959 and died April 10, 1978, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Malomet have established "The Jacob Daniel Malomet Memorial Fund" in the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation.

Jacob attended Hillel Academy, the Toronto Hebrew Day School and Woodroffe High School from which he graduated as an Ontario Scholar. He entered Queen's University in September, 1977.

Well-liked and popular with his peers, Jacob was very active at Camp B'nai B'rith where he served as a swimming instructor during the summers of 1976 and 1977. He was also a member of Palmach Chapter of B.B.Y.O.

Well-rounded in his interests, he played hockey for several years in the Ottawa West League and was first trumpet in the Woodroffe High School Band.

The Jacob Daniel Memorial Fund is an open-ended Fund to which family and friends may add at any time.

### In The News

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Hy Calof on his appointment to the new position of Assistant Deputy Attorney-General (Finance and Trade). He has been with the Department of Justice since 1957.

For the past year he has been acting Assistant Deputy Attorney-General (Property and Commercial Law).

Mr. Calof was Chairman of the Public Service Division of the 1977 United Jewish Appeal Campaign and Co-Chairman of special names for that group in 1978.

Gilbert Greenberg was re-elected President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir (Jewish Community Council of Ottawa) for 1978-79 at the 4th Annual General Meeting of the community held on Wednesday evening, June 21. The meeting was held jointly with the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Vaad.

Officers who will serve with Mr. Greenberg during the coming year are Sol B. Shinder, Q.C., First Vice-President; Alfred Friedman, Second Vice-President; Issie L. Landau, Treasurer; and Joseph Lief, Q.C., Honorary Secretary.

The evening began at 6:00 o'clock with a dinner which was open to everyone in the community. The formal proceedings got under way at 7:30 p.m. Almost one hundred people were present.

In previous years, reports of the Standing Committees and Affiliated Organizations had been distributed only to the one hundred and twenty of the Board of Trustees. This year, as part of the Vaad's drive for greater involvement, the reports were presented in a Special Edition of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review and circulated to the entire community in advance of the meeting. Comments were favourable and this practice is likely to continue in the future.

The reports tell a story of an active and dynamic Jewish community which is moving ahead on all levels of educational, charitable and social service endeavour. Chairmen of the operating committees and groups were available at the meeting to answer questions. General satisfaction with the progress this

year was expressed by the appreciative audience.

With the business of the meeting out of the way, the major part of the evening was devoted to a review of the major issues confronting the community from the vantage point of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, Talmud Torah Board, Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Social Services Council and the United Jewish Appeal. Joseph Lief was moderator of the Community Forum with Gilbert Greenberg, Henry Molot, Irving Rivers, Albert Rivers and Sol Shinder serving as panelists.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Norman Zagerman, its chairman. In addition to the new officers, ten trustees-at-large were elected for a three year term. They are: Alex J. Cohen, Mrs. Sonia Kizell, Dr. Eli Rabin, Irving Rivers, Gdalyah Rosenfeld, Mrs. Merida Sachs, David Shore, Charles Taylor, Mrs. Sarah Vered, Dr. Norman Wolfish.

There are thirty Trustees-at-Large. Those retiring in June, 1979 are Gerald Berger, Morris Cantor, Joseph Ginsberg, Simone Goldberg, Jacquelin Holzman, Dr. Sidney Kardash, Evelyn Lief, Sibil Mirsky, Dorothy Nadolny and Ruth Viner. Those who will retire in June, 1980, are Hy Calof, Stanley Katz, Sally Levitan, John Marks, Hebert Nadolny, Bertha Palmer, Gordon Roston, Sol Shmelzer and Herbert Zagerman.

The rest of the Board of Trustees is made up of heads of synagogues, organizations, institutions, rabbis, officers and past presidents of the Vaad.

## Establish Endowment

The Board of Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of "The Harry Shinder Endowment Foundation", by his wife and children, in honour of Mr. Shinder's 70th birthday.

It is an open-ended fund to which family and friends may add at any time. The capital will be invested in perpetuity and only the income will be used each year for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

Born in Russia on May 15, 1908, Mr. Shinder came to Montreal first, and then to Ottawa in 1923 where he went into the clothing business. In 1956 he entered the real estate field and pursued it as an active career until he took ill nine years ago.

A life-long Zionist and one of the founders of the Histadrut Centre, Mr. Shinder was for ten years Chairman of the Ottawa Histadrut Campaign, and is still listed as an Honorary Chairman. In recognition of his work prior to and after the establishment of the State of Israel, he was honoured by the State of Israel Bonds and by the



Harry Shinder

Histadrut Campaign of Canada.

For many years he and his wife, Sylvia, made their home the centre of Labour Zionist activities in the city. Their children grew up in this environment and are following the example they set in their devotion to Israel and the Jewish Community.

Softly-spoken and gentle by nature, Mr. Shinder is regarded with affection by a wide cross-section of this community. The Directors of the Foundation join Mr. Shinder's family and friends in wishing him many more years of happiness and personal fulfillment.



## Vaad Report

by Gilbert Greenberg

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir  
(Jewish Community Council)



### Annual General Meeting

We held the Annual General Meeting of the Vaad on Wednesday evening, June 21 and I am pleased that the gathering attracted a larger than average attendance. A good deal of interest was displayed in the reports and a lively discussion followed the presentation on the major issues currently facing the Vaad, the Talmud Torah Board, the Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Social Services Council and the United Jewish Appeal.

There was general agreement that the new format we adopted is an improvement over past years. Reports were printed and circulated to the community in advance rather than to the Trustees alone. At the meeting itself, less time was devoted to formal reporting and more to questions and debate.

I made a number of observations as a member of the Community Forum Panel. My remarks are reproduced below.

"My role on this panel is to place before you some of the major issues with which we have to grapple as a community in the next year or two.

From the Vaad's point of view, I covered a number of items in my annual report that you have in front of you. You will remember that I commented on the new Day School; the future of 151 Chapel Street; fund-raising and budgeting; leadership development; and young peoples' activities. These are ongoing concerns and will be attended to. For this panel discussion I want to touch on two or three issues which I believe are central to our concerns as a Jewish community. They are:

#### 1. Community Involvement and Participation

While most people would agree that we have a reasonably well-organized and responsive community, there is too much apathy and indifference for my liking. Notwithstanding that, we have a hard core of dedicated people who do most of the work and who give a large part of the money. You people in this room and others who are not with us tonight, are that elite group. But we need more hands to help carry the load, who willingly will invest time and effort.

How do we reach out to those who are content to sit back and let others do the work? They want community services when they need them but fail to understand that the apparatus has to be in place before it can be used. This is as true of our educational system as it is with our Centre, our Synagogues and our emerging system of social services. All these things cost money and I worry about the fact that 90 per cent of our budgets are covered by only 10 per cent of our people. We have no mandatory form of taxation as exists in the general community. Giving is a voluntary effort and too many regard the payment of their Jewish dues as the lowest priority on their scale of values. Why else would the names of one out of every three families be missing on our U.J.A. rolls? And this is a good community compared to others.

Last Sunday we had our Annual Family Walkathon. It was well-

publicized and I daresay most people knew that it was taking place. We made a big pitch for family participation and I thought for sure we would have 500 to 1,000 walkers. Only 225 showed up. I grant that the weather was threatening but was that the reason we fell short of our expectations? The money, as important as it is, is not the only criteria. We raised almost double as compared with last year — but something is wrong. Where are the people? Do we need anti-Semitism to wake us up? Does it take a war in Israel before one rallies to the cause?

I don't care about other places. I care about Ottawa and the sense of community which I want to promote and strengthen. I am not talking about flag-waving but about a sense of pride and a sense of Jewish purpose. The community looks to us for leadership. Are we right with our priorities? Should more or less emphasis be put on youth, education, adults, aged?

#### 2. Social Services

We live in different times. Family breakdown, divorce and alienation of youth is a factor with which we shall have to deal in increasing measure. Retirement and the increasing proportion of the aging in our population are other issues with which we shall have to deal as time goes on. These facts of life will be reflected in the nature of services we are going to be called upon to provide.

In the last three years we have become increasingly involved in pilot programs related to the social services in general and the aging in particular. The current Study on Aging is a case in point. It all points to a new awareness that social services needs exist and that the community has a part in their solution.

Still, I am concerned about the extent to which the community becomes the surrogate for the family and the cost of providing services, as important and necessary as they may be. How far do we go and who will have to pay the bill? What priority should we give to such services and what happens if we do not have the resources to provide them?

#### 3. Israel

It seems to me that we ought to be looking much more seriously at the nature of our relationship with the people in the State of Israel. I go beyond financial support which we all take for granted. My concern is about what is happening to Israeli society precisely because of the way in which money from abroad is received and spent. I do not quarrel with the need and I even understand that some measure of waste exists in every bureaucracy. My worry is the lack of input from the west. Much is made about partnership between the people of Israel and the people of the Diaspora. It remains only a pious declaration unless there is a meaningful two-way exchange between the parties concerned. I think the time has come for those who give the money to play a more active part in the spending of that money — for those who give the money to identify more closely with a project, a settlement or a

development town. I was pleased to read that the new program for alleviating poverty among 45,000 families in Israel announced by Prime Minister Begin, is based on people-to-people contact. More of that is needed if we are to really understand the problem and take a hand in its solution.

#### 4. The Real and the Ideal

During the past year, I have had many suggestions made to me about improvements in various types of communal services. One young man recently suggested that while he thought that my columns in the Bulletin were useful, they were really no substitute for regular editorials on local, national and international issues. Somebody else thinks we ought to be monitoring radio talk shows and that we should be much more aggressive in responding to anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda. A third person thinks we ought to be more effective on the college campus and in the area of adult education. A fourth suggests a year-round planning and budgeting process, and so on and so on.

I am the first to admit that all of these ideas have merit and that it would be great if we had the staff and the resources to do them all. With more and more women going into the labour market and people generally being busier than ever before, we are finding fewer volunteers who are willing to assume on-going responsibilities. This places an added burden on staff and we shall have to face up to that issue and to the whole question of priorities during the course of the next administration.

There are, of course, many other things I could talk about but will have to save them for a future time. Thank You."

## Foundation Donations

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## Scenes from the Annual Dinner of The Public Service Division United Jewish Appeal



Gdalyah Rosenfeld, Chairman of the Division, extends congratulations to the Honourable Herb Gray, P.C., M.P. who was singled out for tribute for his contribution to the advancement of Canada-Israel relations and goodwill and understanding amongst all Canadians.



Harry Kotlarsky presents a plaque to Dr. John Katzman from his fellow workers in the Public Service Division, "for his exemplary service to the Public Service Division and his devotion to the upbuilding of Israel and the cause of Jewish survival over the course of many years".



His Excellency Mordechai Shalev, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, is shown with Simma Holt, M.P. and Herb Gray at the conclusion of the highly-successful Public Service Dinner.

children Arnold, Jackie, Robin and Steve, Toronto.

In honour of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Garman on the birth of a daughter, by Jacqueline Holzman.

In honour of Sam Caplan on the occasion of his 80th birthday, by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearl.

#### HARRY SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND

By Mr. and Mrs. Shalom Gewurtz, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goldberg; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goldberg; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

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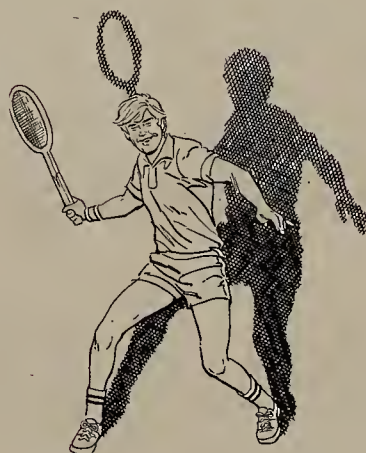
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# The Chaim Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer in Israel

by Nathan Schechter, B.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.(C), F.A.C.P., F.I.C.A.

Hyman Bessin, my brother-in-law, was treated at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center during the illness that so tragically proved to be fatal. For a great part of this period, I was at his bedside and can attest to the courage and faith he exhibited in those trying weeks.

During several discussions with his very competent and dedicated attending surgeon, Dr. Erwin Jacob, I promised that, on my return to Ottawa, I would write about the hospital, a most interesting and unique institution both historically and in its development.

From the beginning of Hy Bessin's illness, Dr. Jacob availed himself of the services of some of the most experienced surgical and medical specialists, and there were frequent consultations. These consultants were on call at all times, day and night, for discussion and treatment. Thus, everything possible that could be done was attempted to save his life. This type of cooperation was in the greatest tradition of medical care and is the reason why this hospital at Tel Hashomer has a most enviable reputation in Israel.

Before writing about the hospital, I want to mention a few things about Hyman Bessin.

## Held in High Esteem

I was very impressed with the esteem with which he was held in Israel. His illness gave concern to the Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, who sent telegrams of encouragement for his recovery. He was visited by Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of Israel several times, and to the hospital came the heads of many Yeshivot, Universities, Synagogues, as well as people from all walks of life. When an urgent request for blood was made, within an hour fourteen Yeshiva students volunteered their blood the first day and twenty more came the second day.

Throughout his life, the late Hyman Bessin demonstrated a deep and unswerving religious faith in which he was brought up by his mother Rachel Bessin Hochman, one of our great Jewish personalities, more remarkable in that, widowed at a young age, she was able to instill into her eight children such profoundly religious dedication. From his loving and saintly grandmother, the late Sarah Shaina Wolinsky, he also acquired a great love for Torah.

His serious illness brought resounding echoes throughout the length and breadth of Israel because the people knew of his total devotion to the State of Israel and its people. It was said that at every Yeshiva in Israel, prayers were being recited daily for his recovery.

His total devotion to the State of Israel and his dedication to Judaism cannot be estimated. It was on one of his frequent trips to help the state that his illness occurred. Thus, it can be said that for his people he gave his life and, according to his wish, was buried in the Sanhedria Cemetery in Jerusalem close to the grave of a beloved friend, the late Yaacov Herzog of blessed memory.

## The Chaim Sheba Medical Center

The Chaim Sheba Medical center is a large government hospital located at Tel Hashomer about forty five minutes drive from the Four Seasons Hotel in Natanya where we were staying. It is about fifteen minutes drive from the City of Tel Aviv.

On the way to the Medical Center, the highway runs along the coast line towards Petah-Tikva and passes Bar-Ilan University at Ramat-Gan. Bar-Ilan University was established in 1955 by the Mizrahi World Federation and we remember with pride that it was at the home of the late Hyman Bessin that much of the foundation of this University was laid. From Bar-Ilan University, the road proceeds southwards about one and one quarter miles to Tel Hashomer. The name Tel Hashomer — Hill of the Watchman, honours the 'Hashomer' group which was established in 1909 to defend the Jewish settlements in Palestine against Arab attacks.

In 1948, it was an abandoned British Army Camp consisting of several barracks. Due to the urgent need of hospital services at the time of the "War of Liberation", these barracks were converted into a number of quonset huts which became Military Hospital No. 5 under the leadership of Dr. Chaim Sheba, Surgeon General of the Israel Defense Forces.

It was never intended to meet the demands of a modern hospital but so great was the need and so few were the hospital facilities at the time of the war, that more and more huts had to be built to provide medical treatment not only for the wounded military men and women but the displaced persons from Europe, and the Jews immigrating from Yemen, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Morocco, Iran and Cochin.

## A Legend in His Lifetime

Dr. Chaim Sheba was a remarkable personality, a legend in his lifetime. He is remembered as a man of great humane qualities who dedicated his life to the healing of the sick and whose genius created from the old barracks a Medical Center that has served Israel through all its wars, and who, because of his prestige and popularity collected millions of pounds to enable him and his loyal staff to run effectively the more than 1,000-bed Tel Hashomer Hospital. This, he did tirelessly until his death in 1971 after which the name of the hospital was changed to the Chaim Sheba Medical Center. His slogan was "It is not the jar, but what is in it, that counts".

In 1953, these huts contained 650 beds and the administrative responsibility was transferred to the authority of the Ministry of Health, thus becoming a Government hospital.

## Flew to Israel

On being informed of the nature of my brother-in-law's illness, my wife and I immediately flew to Israel. On arrival at Ben Gurion

Airport in the evening, we were met by Berl Bessin and drove to the hospital. The entrance to the hospital is guarded by a gate and a pass is required to gain admission. We reached Hut Number 39 which was the Intensive Care Unit. While the facilities were somewhat primitive compared to our standards, it was apparent that the equipment was most modern, the care was excellent, and the staff which included an Army Colonel who had been at Entebbe, provided around the clock devoted attention as good as probably anywhere in the world.

## Covers Area of 150 Acres

The following morning, it was possible to walk about and examine the hospital. The forty or more quonset huts are dispersed over an area of 150 acres and houses 1,146 beds, maintains a staff of 290 physicians, 70 nurses and 1,200 other employees. During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, 1,300 wounded men and women were treated at this hospital and annually close to 400,000 patients receive in-hospital medical care. This does not include the many

patients seen on an out-patient basis. A large number of these are Arabs from the Gaza Strip supported by the United Nations Relief Program.

In addition, all 57 wounded prisoners of war repatriated from Egypt to Syria were transferred to this hospital for treatment.

During the day, helicopters are seen landing on a helicopter pad bringing injured or wounded military personnel to various units of the hospital.

Since the huts are dispersed over such a wide area, patients have to be transported by stretchers, ambulances, trolleys and in their beds from the various units to X-ray facilities, operating rooms, rehabilitation centres, etc. Thus, the wear and tear is considerable. Many of the ambulances bear inscriptions indicating that they have been donated by individuals or organizations. There is a great deal of movement constantly going on and often stretchers are accompanied by family and friends helping to pull the stretchers or holding aloft intravenous flasks, blood transfusion units as patients are transferred, and this even in inclement weather.

In 1964, the Medical Center became affiliated with the newly established Tel-Aviv University Medical School and students from the Medical School receive instruction in all areas of medical treatment.

It was the late Dr. Chaim Sheba's dream to build a new Tel-Hashomer Hospital and now, one is

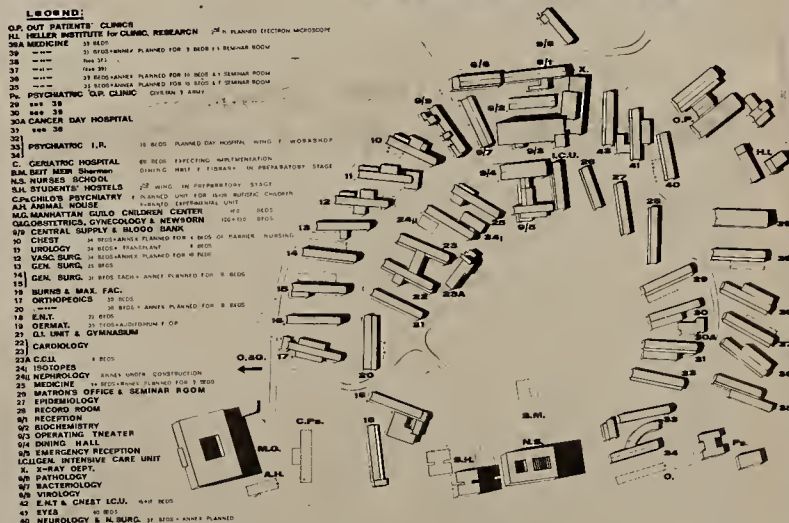
in process of being built. Work on it has been slow because of the lack of sufficient funds. What is envisaged is a Center which will comprise eleven new buildings with 1,200 beds, with laboratories for research and the most modern medical equipment.

## Sheba Fund for Research

In memory of the late Dr. Chaim Sheba, through the Friends of the Dr. Sheba (Tel Hashomer) Hospital, there has been established the Chaim Sheba Fund for Medical Research. This Fund will finance research in the fields of cancer, heart disease, hereditary disturbances, development of new medical projects, care of disturbed youths and encouragement of young doctors — Israeli-born — and new immigrants alike.

Those of my readers who visit Israel will find a trip to the Chaim Sheba Medical Center an interesting experience. It will also demonstrate that you care for those who have given so much for the defense of Israel. Your visit to the hospital will be remembered with gratitude by patients and hospital staff. What Israel needs, is the support of the Jews of the Diaspora and none need it more than the amputees, the paraplegics and the sorely afflicted by the medical diseases and stresses of our times.

## TEL-HASOMER HOSPITAL-ISRAEL





## OMJS Curriculum Is Strong On Tradition

In this the 25th year of its existence, the Ottawa Modern Jewish School entertained an enrollment of 164 students, from 4 year old Kindergarten to Grade Seven.

The school was founded in 1953 on the philosophy that the primary purpose of Jewish education is to develop within the student an appreciation of the unique history and values of the Jewish people. Through such an appreciation, the founders maintained, is Jewish existence meaningful and is the survival of the Jews as a distinctive people assured.

In keeping with this philosophy, today the school places emphasis on Jewish tradition — language, history and culture — and on developing in the child a positive identification with the Jewish people. A staff of professional teachers supplemented by a number of graduate assistants aims through dedicated efforts to create an atmosphere where learning is a joyous experience. The OMJS also enjoys much parental support and involvement.

While religious observances and practices are considered to be a personal matter for the individual OMJS family, the ethics and morality of Judaism are an integral part of the curriculum. The school by its very nature is not associated with any religious congregation.

The curriculum of the school, under continual review by its principal and sub-committees, is shaped in the following manner.

In 4 and 5 year old Kindergarten, the children are introduced to song, dance, holidays, ceremonies, customs, Bible stories and Hebrew. In Grade One — Hebrew, holidays, customs, ceremonies and Bible stories are taught. Grade Two — Hebrew, holidays, customs, ceremonies, Bible stories, culture and current events. Grade Three — Hebrew, holidays, customs, ceremonies, history, current events and the introduction of Yiddish. Grade Four — Hebrew, holidays, customs, ceremonies, history, Yiddish, current events. Grade Five — Hebrew, Yiddish, History, culture and current events. Grades Six and Seven

Hebrew, Yiddish, history, Judaism, current events, modern Israel.

The OMJS arranges for the necessary instruction for Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The student attends the regular classes of the school and receives his Bar/Bat Mitzvah instruction from a qualified person.

The system of remedial classes introduced in 1976 will continue next year, as will the new music programme implemented this past year with the hiring of a music specialist. Also, for the coming academic year the principal will direct the subsection on the Holocaust. This will be aimed at senior students especially.

The OMJS hours are as follows: Sunday — all grades, 4K — 7, meet from 9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street. Wednesdays — Grades 2 — 7 meet from 4:15 — 5:45 p.m. at the annex to Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey.

Inquiries about the school are to be directed to Bertha Leckie, Registrar, 235-0612, or Gerald Cammy, Principal, 829-1284.

## Innovative Programs At Shira Playgroup



The children of Shira Playgroup join hands for a dance-game.

### Summer Session

flow of ideas and input into the curriculum.

Cost of the summer session is \$13.00.

### OLDER PRE-SCHOOLERS REGISTER NOW FOR FALL

Members of the Shira Cooperative Playgroup voted at their last meeting to extend into the summer months the Monday and Wednesday morning sessions for children of 2-3½ years.

The summer program will begin July 5 and end August 16. Field trips and other activities at the Overbrook Public School site are planned for the children's enjoyment.

Enrollment in each class is limited to 15 children.

The goal of the Playgroup is to give the children an awareness and appreciation of their Jewish identity, to help them develop a healthy self-concept, free from conflicting cultural values. The cooperative, or parent-participation, aspect of the program is seen as a key factor in providing an easy transition from home to school and allowing for a

In the fall, in its second year of operations, the Shira Cooperative Playgroup will be expanding its program to include older preschoolers. In addition to the 2-3½ year old class, a class for 3-5 year olds will be meeting Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 — 11:30.

Registration should be made by July 10 for all fall classes.

Those wishing more information about either program and those wanting to arrange a car pool (the Overbrook School is easily accessible from the Queensway) are urged to phone Esther Williams, 728-4121, Deborah Stocker, 225-0007, or Sheila Senman, 728-3337.

## Nursery Teachers Meet

Mrs. Doris Bronstein, Hillel Academy Central School Nursery teacher, served as chairman of a conference on Pre-School education which was held in Toronto. The conference theme, "The Jewish Family in Changing Times," drew delegates from Jewish Pre-school programs across the Province. Four teachers from the Hillel Academy Pre-school department travelled to Toronto for the conference, Mrs. D. Bronstein, Mrs. Gloria Goldberg, Mrs. Zelaine Shinder, and Mrs. Zahava Feig.

Sam Filer, CJC regional chairman, said that visits by Congress officials to the various schools in Ontario communities have made it apparent that "there is a need for nursery school teachers and their assistants to get together with their colleagues to share information and discuss mutual problems and approaches

for the betterment of this very important segment of Jewish education."

Filer said the idea for a conference — the first of its type to be held — came from Doris Bronstein, who pointed out that "we are isolated from the mainstream of Jewish education and we could benefit greatly from a get-together of colleagues who are doing similar work."

Rabbi Akiva Egozi and Ruth Kurtz, of Associated Hebrew Schools, hosted the conference and the Hillel Academy staff helped develop the program, which ran from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kurtz, Mrs. Bronstein and Leah Bloch of London, Ont. conducted workshops. Ruth Borchiver, supervisor of the Educational Counselling Centre of the Jewish Vocational Service was guest speaker at the luncheon session.

## כ"ה STAR OF DAVID HEBREW SCHOOL

in Alta Vista

at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue

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**HEBREW LANGUAGE** — Reading, Writing and Oral Usage

**HISTORY** — World Jewish History Up To The Present

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**SIDDUR** — is used daily to better acquaint the students

with the services of the synagogue

**LAWS and CUSTOMS** — Holidays are emphasized with Plays, Stories, Art Work and Outings



(Photo by Allen Honigman)

The fact that the school is situated in a synagogue aids in the children's learning experience of their own culture and provides a positive atmosphere.

### KINDERGARTEN

Sunday morning — 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### GRADES I - IV

Monday and Wednesday — 4:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registration forms and further information may be obtained by calling:

Mrs. Roslyn Sternberg — 733-8721 (after 3:00 p.m.)

or Mrs. Shirley Levitt — 824-7474

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## One Rabbi's Response by Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum

**Question:** If you want to criticize our schools, why don't you take it to the board on which you sit, instead of doing so in your column?

**Response:** This is not strictly speaking a halachic question, but it does have some halachic implications, and in addition, it gives us a chance to clarify any misunderstanding.

First of all, last issues' question regarded an interpretation of history, a proper area for a Responsa column in the tradition of Sherira Gaon's famous letter more than ten centuries ago. This is an open column, and any question properly submitted will, with regard to the limitations of space, be answered.

Secondly, the answer involved a difference of view, not a criticism of the teacher or the Day School. In our view, a history teacher who does his job and makes an honest historical judgement should not be censored by his board. The teacher in question is one of the finest in the school, knowledgeable and thorough. The school is far better than most: we send four children to it, and recommend that all our congregants do the same. This column happened to strongly disagree with a historical view presented by one teacher, and directly answered the question submitted. That there is disagreement on one issue, is plainly neither a criticism of the school nor of the teacher. Going to the Talmud Torah Board on such a matter is a witch hunt of which your columnist wants no part.

The teacher in question, incidentally, is also a mensch. The teacher took our column into class and discussed it fully with his students. The teacher found points with which to disagree and points also by which to reclarify the teacher's own view. The students benefited by hearing two honest approaches, and by observing how different people make historical judgments. This is real education, a credit to the teacher, the school and the community, and is much superior to having a board dictate one view or another.

Halachically, the sages recognized room for educated discussion, l'shem shamayim (in the name of heaven). Of contradictory views, they often said: ailu v'ailu divrei Elohim hayyim (the words of the living G-d embrace both views). As long as the difference of opinion is l'shem shamayim there is no call for the opprobrium even of board deliberation; that is not our view of how Judaism operates.

Significant questions to be answered in this column may be addressed to "Response," Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review, 151 Chapel Street. Rabbi Tanenbaum is a Conservative Rabbi at Agudath Israel Synagogue in Ottawa.

## Elected To National UIA



Simone Goldberg, a Past Chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa and current Chairman of the Women's Committee of the Vaad, has been elected National Vice President of the Women's Division of the United Israel Appeal of Canada for 1978-79. She will be serving with Faigie Zimmerman, Montreal and Lois Raphael, Vancouver, who were elected National Co-Presidents at the Annual Meeting held recently in Toronto.

As Public Relations Chairman for the Ottawa U.J.A. Campaign, Mrs. Goldberg has been largely responsible for the creative publicity program developed during the past two years. In February she visited Eastern Europe and Israel as a member of the National Women's Division Mission 30.

## Events For Singles

The Ottawa Jewish Singles (OJS) Club, which consists of single, separated, divorced and widowed Jewish people over 25, has been meeting, for several months, with attendance increasing at each meet. Some 30 were present on last reporting.

Those interested in joining the group's activities announced below may phone 236-5138 (Selma Tarantour) or 235-0002 (Liza Zaslavsky).

On Sunday, July 9, the OJS will gather at Graham Park School at 1:30 p.m. to play a game of softball.

On July 16, 11:30 p.m., a Sunday

brunch is scheduled for the group at the Park Lane Hotel. Bowling at the Preston Lanes will follow (at 2:30 p.m.).

On July 18, the OJS has planned a theatre party at the National Arts Centre at 8:00 p.m. "La Traviata" is the featured attraction.

A house party will be held on Saturday night, July 22—a wine and cheese party at Marilyn Pascal's, 5 Beaumaris Drive, 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for this event.

And, as the final activity for July, the OJS will see another opera, "The Barber of Seville," on July 29, at the National Arts Centre.

## 'Women Are Kept Down'

In the shtetl, Torah study was important to men, so women kept the home together, observes Susan Weidman Schneider, executive editor of Lilit, the New York Jewish feminist magazine. She notes that in America, by contrast, men are more concerned with making a living and women have become more involved with Judaism.

Speaking at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue in Winnipeg, Ms. Schneider pointed out that the synagogue has not kept pace with changing roles. Women are generally not welcome to say Kaddish, have to wait for 10 men to appear before a service is begun and are not given aliyas, even in Conservative and Reform congregations. Only what men do is important, she says. Even when reforms are introduced, there is continued fear of adverse reaction. "The synagogue has been a men's club and Judaism has been

a spectator sport for women," she avers.

"What would happen if the roles in the synagogue were reversed and the men came to shul exquisitely gotten up, while the women were stalking the aisles and handing out aliyas?"

Beyond the synagogue, Ms. Schneider is appalled, she says, to see the scarcity of women in Jewish community leadership positions. Of those that do have such jobs, hardly any are called by their own names. It's also almost always "Mrs. Bruce Schneider," not "Susan Schneider."

Ms. Schneider is critical of attitudes toward women in Israel. Premier Begin talks of "saving women and children" as though women can't step out of the role of wife and mother. The Yiddish Momme and the Jewish American Princess stereotypes are being perpetuated to keep women down, she charges.

—Canadian Jewish News

## Dialogue on Jerusalem New Chairman

by Esther Kwavnick

A very successful first Judeo-Christian dialogue sponsored by Ottawa Hadassah-Wizo was held in May at the Canadian Institute of the Blind Building. Seventy-two men and women participated, representing a cross section of United and Baptist Church guilds, Women's service organizations and Hadassah WIZO members.

The purpose of the dialogue was to encourage an open and frank discussion on the topic "Jerusalem, A United City." As Deanna Silverman, chairlady of the evening, said, "We are discussing it (Jerusalem) emotionally, historically and religiously because that's the way we are all qualified to discuss it. We will not discuss it politically because we are Canadians."

After a buffet supper, the programme consisted of a film on Jerusalem, discussions, informal remarks by Flora MacDonald and an address by Rabbi Benjamin Hauer of Montreal's Chevre Kadisha B'nai Jacob Synagogue.

The film "Jerusalem, Jerusalem" produced by Yale Roe, was shown to depict the historical background of the city, from Judaic, Christian and Moslem perspectives. It served as a vivid pictorial and musical memory-link for those members of the audience who had previously visited Jerusalem. For others, it caught their attention and renewed their awareness of their personal involvement with the city.

Flora MacDonald, well-known Canadian politician, was asked to share her impressions of Jerusalem with the participants.

Miss MacDonald joined a Canadian Hadassah-WIZO National Leadership Mission to Israel in November, 1976 and spent 10 days with Hadassah-WIZO women touring the institutions that Hadassah maintains.

In her speech she focused on the nature and the beauty of Jerusalem. As well, her enthusiasm and appreciation of the development of Israel, particularly on the political level, was clearly evident.

Rabbi Hauer, in his address amplified some of the historic themes outlined in the film. He strongly emphasized the Jewish claim to a united city they had bought many generations ago.

The final part of the programme consisted of a dialogue in which participants shared questions, concerns and feelings with one another and with Miss MacDonald and Rabbi Hauer. Several of the areas highlighted were: the strength of the emotional ties Christians have with Jerusalem, the question of the possible internationalization of Jerusalem, the rights of non-Jews in Jerusalem and in Israel as a whole, and the sharing of personal experiences among those who had visited Jerusalem. Vivid among these were the reminiscences of one of the participants' tour of duty in Divided Jerusalem, as part of the U.N. peacekeeping force.

The formal written evaluation forms completed by the participants, indicated that the evening was very successful and very positive. Several topics for future meetings were pinpointed.



Stanley Katz, who has been named Chairman of the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University. He succeeds Mervin Mirsky who has held the post for a number of years. Sheldon Ehrenworth will serve as Vice-Chairman.

## Orthodox View

The Rabbinical Alliance of America strongly endorsed the pro-capital punishment bill approved by the Albany, New York, legislature, but vetoed by Governor Hugh Carey, of N.Y.

Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht, president of the Alliance, said: "Capital punishment was ordained by our Creator in the Bible as the sole legitimate punishment for murderous predators. This fundamental legal code of lex talionis is a basic tenet of Western religious belief. Capital punishment is civilized man's only true form of self defense."

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## BBYO Shofar News

Trent University was the home of the BBYO annual spring convention this year. More than half the youth of Ottawa BBG and AZA travelled to Peterborough.

The Ottawa Chapters captured the highest awards in the Southern Ontario Region. The final results of BBG were: Best Rookie Chapter Award and Best Program won by Chapter YONIM. Penny Torontow, Past President of Chapter Yonim, was elected Vice-President of the Region. Leona Miller, of Chapter Yonim, was elected Editor of the regional newspaper.

The final results for AZA were as follows: Best Chapter Award and Highest ISF Fund Contribution, won by Chapter PALMACH. Best Rookie Chapter and Highest ISF contribution per capita, won by Chapter KNESSET. Ashley Fine of Chapter Palmach was elected Regional Treasurer.

Installations of the new chapter executives have just taken place. The new presidents for the '78-'79 season are: Sharon Diener of B'SHER'T, BBG; Lisa Millstone of YONIM, BBG; John Dover of PALMACH, AZA; and Gary Greenberg of KNESSET, AZA.

If any teens wish to join BBYO in September they can give in their names to Carole Silver, at 729-7923.

## Logotherapy Documentary

"And A Light Shined In The Darkness" is the title of a Canadian documentary feature film soon to be produced on the life and work of Dr. Viktor E. Frankl, a prominent Jewish psychiatrist. Co-producers are Thomas Carrigan who wrote his M.A. thesis in Philosophy on Dr. Frankl's Logotherapy and Albert Ouimet, who has a varied background in the media.

Dr. Frankl has invited the producers to Vienna during July 15-31, in order to complete script revision and do some initial on-location shooting. To that end, a fund-raising supper has been scheduled for July 11 at the Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa.

The cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., and supper will be served at 7:30 p.m. (See ad on page 12 for details). All proceeds from the supper will provide the seed money necessary to get the project off the ground.

Viktor Frankl has written a book, "Man's Search for Meaning," in which he recorded some of his experiences, including those during his imprisonment in the concentration camps of Theresienstadt, Dachau and Auschwitz. Before he was arrested by the Nazis in 1942, he had established the main tenets of his system of psychiatry known to the world today as Logotherapy. During his confinement, Dr. Frankl was confronted by man's inhumanity to man; yet, he reconfirmed his conviction that life has ultimate meaning.

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The subject will be: "The Holocaust — A Test Case For Humanity: Causes and After-

math."

The American Congress offers three prizes: first prize — \$300, second prize — \$200, third — \$100. Each entry shall contain from 4000-7000 words. The closing date for entries is December 31, 1978.

Contest manuscripts should be addressed to:

Benjamin Grey,  
Chairman Contest Commission,  
6534 Moore Drive,  
Los Angeles, California 90048

For further information, contact the Bulletin, 232-7306. Ext. 38

## Anne Frank's Protector

The first annual presentation of the \$10,000 Roger E. Joseph Prize was made on June 4 by Hebrew Union College to Victor Kugler, the man who risked his life by hiding Anne Frank from the Nazis in Amsterdam in World War II.

Said Dr. Gottschalk, College President, of Victor Kugler: "Motivated by compassion and a sense of moral right, this modest and courageous man confronted evil with goodness, brutality with decency and bigotry with brotherhood."

Kugler was an associate of Anne Frank's father in the spice im-

porting business in Amsterdam. To enable them to avoid apprehension by the Nazis, Kugler hid Anne Frank, her sister and parents and four other Jews for two years in an annex of his office.

In the summer of 1944 the Gestapo found them and sent them to concentration camps where all but Anne's father, Otto, died (Otto lives now in Switzerland). Victor Kugler was sent to a labor camp. He managed to escape and remained in hiding until the end of the war.

Kugler lives with his second wife, Loes, in retirement in Weston, a suburb of Toronto.

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# Jewish Community Centre Spotlights

## Golden Age Corner

**Walking Club** — Plans have now begun for members of the Club who wish to participate in the summer walking club. As of this writing, fifteen individuals have signed up and each will be contacted before the first walk on July 19. For further information call 232-7306 and ask for Judith or Diane.

**Summer Meetings** — The Golden Age will meet during the summer months in the Adult Lounge. Meeting dates are Mondays, July 10 and 24, and August 14 and 28. Activities will include games, films and time for conversation. New members are welcome.

**Meals Program** — Before each summer Club meeting this year a luncheon, will be provided. See "Seniors Summer Program," page 9, for details. This program is open only to Golden Age Club members but to all Jewish seniors in the Community. Call Judith or Rusty at 232-7306 for further information.

**Bulletin Board** — Just outside the Assembly Hall there now is a Golden Age Bulletin Corner. It is there you will find all information regarding the senior adults in the community. To add a notice, contact Judith at the Centre.

**One Day Trip** — Plans are now being made for some type of one day trip for Golden Age members and friends in the months of July and August. The Bulletin or the Bulletin Boards in the Centre will announce details.

## Correction

In the Special Edition of the Bulletin of June 16, a section of the article submitted by the Israeli shaliach was mistakenly deleted. It reads as follows:

In addition to the cooperation between Jewish Student's Union and Dror-Habonim in the successful Israeli Drop-in Centre, there was complete cooperation between the J.S.U. and the Jewish Community Centre in bringing performers to the Dizengoff Cafe. Without the help and support of the J.S.U. the programs could not have been held.

## FOOD PACKAGING

Helen Blue, Golden Age Club member, has been in touch with several people in regard to the difficulty encountered by many members in obtaining small quantities of food at supermarkets. She has received the following two letters in response to her campaign.

Dear Ms. Blue,

I'm so pleased you joined us for lunch when I was in Ottawa last Thursday, and I want to tell you that I am looking into the problem of better food packaging for single eaters.

At the same time, since you live in a Senior Citizens complex, may I suggest that you and your neighbours organize some pressure on your local supermarket for immediate action in these areas (fresh carrots for example) when it is possible.

Yours truly,

Larry Grossman  
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The Youth Services Committee of the Jewish Community Centre is in the process of forming a cult information service.

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Studies have shown that upwards of 12 percent of all such groups are Jews.

Anyone interested in assisting with the planning of the J.C.C. cult information service is urged to phone Bernie Farber at 232-7306 or Nina Alexander, 745-5124. It is hoped there will be a seminar in the fall to educate the community with regard to the cult problem.



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July 3	6:15 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.	N.E.P.
July 5	6:15 p.m.	N.E.P.
July 9	10:00 a.m.; noon	H.P.
July 10	6:15 p.m.	N.E.P.
July 16	10:00 a.m.; noon	N.E.P.
July 17	6:15 p.m.	H.P.
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Interviewer Debi Shore also enjoyed her assignment: "Every interview is different and gives me the opportunity to meet new and interesting people. The questionnaire is well planned and tactful, so both parties find the interview pleasant."

All information received from interviewees is confidential, and no names are mentioned on the questionnaire.

## Seniors Summer Program

Senior Citizens should take full advantage of the warm weather, says Rusty Torobin, Director of Services for Jewish Elderly. The summer program, jointly undertaken by Services for the Elderly and the Jewish Community Centre Adult Department, is intended for all Ottawa Jewish seniors who are interested in getting out during the warm season.

The program will be offered on four Mondays: July 10, July 24, August 14 and August 28. Transportation can be arranged to the Community Centre for those who

need it.

A kosher buffet lunch menu, specially selected for the hot weather and consisting of sandwiches, salads, fruit cup and beverage, will be served between 11:45 and 1:15 in the adult lounge, for a small charge. Entertainment will be provided after lunch.

Those who enjoy a walk in pleasant company are invited to join the Walking Club which meets before lunch at the Centre.

For information call 232-7306 and ask for Rusty Torobin, Ext. 37, or Judith Kizell, Ext. 53.

## Book Swap For Elderly

Services For Jewish Elderly has acquired the assistance of a qualified Librarian, Valerie Terkel, who is also multi-lingual. Mrs. Terkel is compiling a list of various holdings in local libraries which may be of interest to senior citizens, particularly those who cannot visit the libraries themselves.

The Public Library Mobile Service may supply some seniors with reading material including large print books. In addition, student volunteers are being solicited to deliver books, tapes or records, and to arrange inter-library loans, thus providing an

opportunity for members of the younger and older generations to get together.

Mrs. Terkel will be contacting a number of elderly people to determine their interests. She will then communicate these interests to the volunteer who will be directed to appropriate sources.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the Service's library program is asked to contact Valerie Terkel, 824-6123, or Rusty Torobin, Services For Jewish Elderly, 232-7306, Ext. 37, mornings (or 824-4196 afternoons and evenings).

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## Ottawa's Oldest Jewish Resident Passes Away

by Shirley Berman

The Jewish Community Memorial Chapel was filled to capacity as Rabbi Saul Aranov eulogized Mrs. Elizabeth Benwick in a final tribute. "Betsy" Benwick, as she had been lovingly known to many Ottawa citizens, died on Sunday, June 11 during the Shavuoth festival.

Mrs. Benwick was Ottawa's oldest Jewish citizen. She had been married in the home of Moses Bilsky, Ottawa's first Jewish person. She reached her ninety-ninth year at a gala birthday party arranged for her last October by the Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge, where she was a popular resident. Prime Minister Trudeau, Governor-General Leger, and Mayor Greenberg telegraphed her their congratulations on the occasion.

The daughter of one of the first Jewish families to come to the area, Elizabeth Benwick was born at Harrington Lake, Quebec. Her father Abraham Kert was a fur trader and farmer near Thurso, until the family joined the struggling Jewish community in Ottawa at the turn of the century.

The isolation and hard work involved in growing up on a remote farm as one of the six surviving children of a family of thirteen left Mrs. Benwick with an indomitable spirit. She later became a hard-working housewife and throughout life believed that one must always be cheerful. She lived that belief till the end. Mrs. Benwick appreciated the gift of life and was always in the best of spirits. This cheerfulness was the greatest of her many attributes.

Betsy Benwick was very artistic, and she possessed a deep appreciation of nature. The paintings she created during her later years, some of which are now on display at Hillel Lodge, usually featured nature subjects.

I recall one extremely cold evening in January when I had volunteered to drive some of the residents of Hillel Lodge to an

evening concert of Israeli music. Most of the residents complained bitterly about the cold as they hurried to the warmth of the heated car. Mrs. Benwick came last, as she was already confined to a wheelchair for outings. She was delighted to be out, and commented on the beautiful contrast the white snow made against the blackness of the night. It was typical of her to seek out the beauty of life, rather than to complain about its discomforts.

Betsy Benwick helped raise several of today's senior citizens, and suffered the loss of many of her contemporaries. She helped care for Dr. Sam Mirsky as an infant and young lad. He in turn attended her as physician, until his death a few years ago.

Elizabeth Benwick will long be remembered by many friends, both Gentile and Jewish, especially those senior citizens who recall her help and kindness to them in their youth. She was highly deserving of the years she attained.

## Acknowledge Donations

The family of the late Bill Goldberg wish to express their gratitude to all their many friends and relatives and wish to acknowledge all their generous donations to the Heart Fund, Jewish National Fund, Prayer Book Funds, aid to Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the many other thoughtful donations in his name.

## Todah Rabbah To Contributors

A draw for two lucite picture frames was held on June 15 at the home of Ellen Lithwick, with several members of the Mollie Sachs Chapter of Hadassah attending the brief ceremony. Mrs. Morris Miller won the frames,

which had been offered to all those returning "invitations" to the Chapter's Phantom Tea.

The women of Mollie Sachs Chapter wish to thank most sincerely all contributors to this fundraising activity.



Pictured here in this four-generation photograph from the early 1940's are, from right to left, Elizabeth "Betsy" Benwick, Abraham Kert (Betsy's father), Mrs. A. Agranov (her daughter), and Bennett Agranov (her grandson). Mrs. Benwick is survived by 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

## Open Invitation

The annual meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation will be held on July 5, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Centre. The Community is invited to attend.



On the steps of George Street Public School - 1908

This photo is from the scrapbook of Lewis Cohen, who for many years operated Cohen's Pharmacy at the corner of Cumberland and Rideau Streets and now lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Left to right: Ritchie Wexler, Sara Berger, Moe Goldsmith, Jim Larventz, Jim O'Brien, Abraham Mirsky, Joe Goldstein, Eli Wershof, Lewis Cohen, Julia Golub, Sara Cohen, Joe Nathanson.



# Soviet Jewry Update

5611 Jews left the USSR during the first three months of this year. None the less, Soviet attitudes still remain firm in their political stance. A Soviet reporter, Joe Adamov, told an "Ottawa Journal" writer Reverend A. C. Forrest that the Soviet Union looks at Jews as a race, not a religion and that out of the total number of Jews who have applied to leave, 1.6 per cent have been refused and 98.4 per cent received exit visas. The official reason for not providing visas is that persons so denied have been privy to classified information and aren't allowed to leave for five years.

By way of insight into Soviet Feelings, the Dean of Temple University Law School in Philadelphia, Peter J. Liacouras, on his return from a recent visit to the Soviet Union, quotes a cynical observation by a highly-placed Russian legal source: "Five months from now (March 1), the people of the United States will go to other needs and we shall be able to bring Scharansky to trial without the current fanfare."

## Recent Events

Former Prisoner of Conscience Joseph Begun was arrested in Moscow on May 17. He is being charged with violation of internal passport regulations. Begun was freed from his sentence of two years in exile as a parasite (he is a teacher of Hebrew) and is not allowed to live in Moscow with his wife. He is now in Police Station No. 52 at 19 Trofimova Street, Camp No. 2 and faces a new sentence, if convicted, of a year of imprisonment or exile.

Four additional activists have received exit visas to emigrate to Israel from Moscow. Joseph Ahs has been waiting for four years, charged with 'malicious hooliganism' in November, 1976, and threatened with a trial that never occurred because of worldwide protest. Joseph Blikh of Leningrad applied in 1971 for a visa and was first refused on account of 'state secrets'. Arkady Tsinober, the scientist, and Mikhail Eidelman of Riga, a ship's captain, will be allowed to depart.

Nine of the 12 Women Refuseniks (the group has now grown to 23.) appeared once again at Communist Party Headquarters in Moscow to see Albert Ivanov who originally promised to see them "if they were not satisfied". They were officially 'brushed off' last month in their demands for an explanation regarding their refusal of exit visas. Firstly Ivanov claimed to be ill. Then he refused to see the women as he "didn't want to get involved in their affairs".

Refusenik Ida Nudel and six others were arrested for malicious hooliganism on June 3 after demonstrating in front of the Kremlin wall with signs "Let us go to Israel." The Toronto Committee for Soviet Jewry had prepared material on behalf of Ida Nudel for distribution at the Mizrahi Women of Canada Convention held in Ottawa on May 21. Ida had reported feelings of great personal depression after her years of struggle to leave the USSR. Out of the original 12 women who saw Ivanov on January 27, three have been allowed to emigrate. Last week Ida Nudel, 47, was ordered into exile in remote parts of

Russia.

## Slepak's Arrest

On June 1 Russian police seized Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak, a member of the dissident Helsinki monitoring group, after he displayed a poster from his central Moscow apartment demanding permission to emigrate to Israel.

Plainclothes and uniformed police drove the 50-year-old Mr. Slepak away in a police van as a crowd of several hundred Muscovites milled outside his home.

To applause from the crowd, an unidentified man and woman poured what looked like boiling water on Mr. Slepak and his wife, Maria, from a balcony above.

The crowd had blocked a sidewalk on Gorky Street, one of the capital's main thoroughfares, watching as the Slepaks stood on their eighth floor balcony holding the placard.

On it the slogan had been painted in Russian: Let us out to our son in Israel.

Their son, 50, has been at the centre of the Jewish emigration campaign there for years.

The Slepaks clung to the placard for about an hour, apparently having barricaded themselves into the apartment.

Then they were suddenly dragged inside by police. The placard, torn into three pieces, was tossed out into the street to laughter and applause from bystanders.

Mr. Slepak, an electrical engineer, first applied to go to



In a Moscow apartment, Evgeny and Olga Koshevniko present a dramatic narrative in Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish before small group of Soviet Jews. The banner proclaims slogan of Russia's Zionist pioneers of 100 years ago, "House of Jacob, Rise and Go Up". Performance dealing with Czarist pogroms is intended to be educational and entertaining for audiences otherwise denied knowledge of Jewish past. Koshevnikos failed to get exit visas.

Israel in 1970.

He has been refused permission 12 times since and has become one of the leaders of the Jewish dissident community as well as an active member of the group set up to monitor Soviet observance of Helsinki human rights pledges.

## Life Goes On

Debbie Selter of Toronto spoke to Alexander Yampolsky in Leningrad on April 25. Alexander reported on a seder with matzah and spoke of the "Holiday of redemption and its symbolism, especially in relation to my wish to live in Israel as Moses brought out our people many years ago." He thanked the people of Canada for helping him and spoke in Hebrew wishing a Chag Sameach to all his friends in the western world.

It has been discovered that memorial services for the victims of the Holocaust were held in Kishinev and Riga in honour of Yom Hashoah. Several activists from Leningrad including Lev Furman, attended. As soon as a crowd had gathered, the local police broke up the meeting and a number were given jail sentences of 15 days.

The Ukrainian National Theatre is producing an anti-Israel play, "The Lost Illusion", about Jews who emigrated to Israel and returned to the Soviet Union, disappointed and disillusioned. The play is directed by a Jew and has been seen in Chernovtsy.

Since 1974, 113 Soviet Jews have entered Canada under the Canadian Ongoing Refugee Program, with the sponsorship of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

## Argentina: Study in Violence

Every morning hundreds of Jewish women come to the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to speak with the Consul. The Embassy is officially open only between 9 and 11:00, but no woman is ever turned away. Jewish lives are at stake.

At the request of the Argentine government, the Israeli Consul General provides the women with letters in which the State of Israel guarantees an entry visa and refuge into Israel. With such a letter, the women can obtain the release of Jews in prison who are then provided with exit permits by the Argentine authorities.

This arrangement followed Israel's request that the Argentine government free any arrested Jews who are ready to leave. Since March 1976, when the army took over in Argentina and removed Isabel Peron, the new regime headed by General Videla has been conducting a war of attrition against all illegal leftist movements.

Ram Norgad, Israel's Ambassador to Argentina, held negotiations with the Argentine Minister of the Interior to uncover the facts and figures of how many Jews have been imprisoned or killed as a result of the government's drive.

Of at least 300 names of Jews who were taken from their homes and have disappeared without trace, only 100 were accounted for.

### A CASE IN POINT

Jacob Timmerman, editor, publisher and founder of the influential Argentine Jewish newspaper "La Opinion," was one of those arrested by Videla's military regime.

A journalist of some 20 years, Timmerman had come to Argentina from Poland at the age of three. On April 14, 1976 he was taken from his home at night by several armed youngsters and disappeared for a month. When the rumor spread that he had been murdered, the Argentine authorities suddenly announced that they were holding him in prison.

Timmerman had been questioned by the authorities about his ties with David Greiver, the Jewish banker who died in a recent airplane crash in Mexico and who was said to have been the clandestine banker of the subversive Leftist group of Monteneros. Timmerman had stated that his only connection with Greiver was the banker's stock holdings in the newspaper, which Timmerman had acquired after Greiver's death. In the past Timmerman had aroused the ire of both the Right and the Left by declaring himself a Zionist who supported the State of Israel with all his strength.

The authorities confiscated all of Timmerman's assets and appointed a special custodian for "La Opinion."

Argentine public opinion was aroused. The paper "Buenos Aires Herald" published a sharp editorial, in which it compared the imprisonment of Timmerman with the Dreyfus affair in France in 1894 and demanded that the authorities immediately disclose the accusations against Timmerman. It said: "You must either put him on trial or release him immediately if the accusations are not well based."

Timmerman remained in prison. For over a year, protests have been brought to the Argentine government. Timmerman has just recently been released.

## Canada Responds

Canadian Employment and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen has announced a special program to admit up to 100 Argentine political prisoners and their families to Canada as refugees.

"The situation of these political prisoners is extremely desperate," said Mr. Cullen. "Some will be permitted to leave Argentina if they can obtain visas for other countries."

The Minister said the program is in addition to the current South American refugee program and that those selected will be subject to careful screening. Processing priority will be given to applicants with relatives in Canada and to those sponsored by reputable Canadian groups under the new refugee sponsorship system.

## Quebec Jews Faulted For Not Integrating

A panel of prominent Montreal speakers, severely faulted the Jewish community for failing to do enough to integrate into Quebec's majority culture.

Before a gathering of about 200 persons at the Snowdon YM-YWHA, Mike Yarosky, executive director of the Jewish Community Research Institute, Irving Halperin, executive committee chairman of Allied Jewish Community Services, and David Rome, chief archivist of Canadian Jewish Congress, expressed the unanimous opinion that the Jewish community had failed to show a strong willingness to participate in francophone society. McGill professor, Wilfred Yaffe, chairman of the meeting, offered a similar opinion in his introductory remarks.

Keynote speaker Rome was particularly harsh in his criticism of the Jewish community, saying the community had established a pattern of linguistic and cultural education which made it impossible for 80 per cent of the younger generation to remain in the province. "In regard to language, history, and political orientation we have given our children exit visas from the age of six years on," he said.

He acknowledged the series of complex circumstances which led to the anglophone orientation of the Jewish community. But he said, it was the leadership of the community over the years which has

"failed completely in its intellectual and social responsibility to guide the community toward recognizing the reality of Quebec's uniqueness."

It is a very sad chapter in our Canadian Jewish history, he noted. He said Quebec now is still the only place in North America where Jewish day schools receive public funding. It is self-evident, he observed, that day school children should learn to speak French fluently. Hebrew next, and English third. He decried the on-going negotiations on how many hours of French instruction should be given in Jewish schools?

"Who are we doing a favor? Are we bargaining with the majority population whether we will be able to communicate with them or not?"

Rome insisted there was no real anti-Semitism in Quebec and discounted the French dimension in the recently published articles of Ici Quebec. "Saudi Arabian petrodollars are publishing that magazine in every language in the world," he said.

In light of its own history, the Jewish community, he said, should be very sympathetic to the struggle of others to preserve their culture. To favorable audience reaction, he said, "When we see people like the Quebecois trying to establish French in their own French country, I think every Jewish person should stand up and salute."

—Canadian Jewish News



## Canadian Middle East Digest reports

**Lebanon: The PLO's Ambivalent Attitude**

South Lebanese inhabitants head back to their homes in the aftermath of the Israeli invasion. Life is returning to normal in the region, although the PLO still holds sway in certain regions. Problems which sparked trouble in Lebanon are still unresolved.

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In spite of limited internal PLO "rejectionist" opposition to Yasser Arafat's "pragmatic" approach, it appears that Arafat and his retinue are determined to return in full force to South Lebanon. Still they realize that obstructing the work of UNIFIL, the United Nations forces there, is bound to delay Israel's final withdrawal and to antagonize world public opinion.

Three major incidents sponsored by Arafat's group have taken place in South Lebanon since the march attack and reprisal.

The Norwegians stationed in the northeastern sector under the UNIFIL banner have stopped armed squads which tried to infiltrate southward.

Iranian and Nepali UN soldiers near the Aqiyya bridge in central sectors also stopped and disarmed such groups.

French UNIFIL paratroopers in Tyre have clashed with such units and suffered several casualties. The commander of the French unit was himself wounded.

A recent UN Security Council decision to expand UNIFIL into a force of 6,000 men is rather disturbing to PLO leaders. Arafat

met with UNIFIL's commander, Ghanaian General Erskine, and insisted, evidently to no avail, that his men were entitled to return to the South by virtue of the 1969 Cairo Agreement. Therefore, in order to avoid further clashes with UN troops, with their damaging effect on the PLO's image, Arafat is trying to rebuild the PLO's stronghold in South Lebanon in roundabout ways.

In Tyre and north of the Litani, the PLO has begun to organize on a small scale a nominally Lebanese militia composed of PLO supporters. The idea is to dispatch members of this militia to the South in the guise of local residents seeking to return to their homes and "defend" them.

Unarmed Palestinian Arahs have also begun to infiltrate the South in order to rebuild an infrastructure while efforts are being made to smuggle weapons and equipment into the South.

Pressure is being exercised on France and other states which contributed forces to UNIFIL to adopt a more "flexible" attitude in South Lebanon.

**Provincial Education Interests**

Following the Ontario Ministry of Education's announcement that Catholic grade 9 and 10 religion classes are allowable as high school diploma credits, the Toronto Board of Jewish Education has announced that it will inquire as to whether Jewish religion classes may be granted the same consideration.

The public system is considering offering denominational religion courses as options for credit in public high schools.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Toronto BJE says that the Ministry's granting the school credit is "an overdue corrective." He adds that the decision recognizes that religion is a bona fide high school subject.

Witty feels that religion classes would not draw students away from Jewish day high schools, a conclusion based on the fact that the introduction of Hebrew courses in public schools did not siphon off Jewish high school enrollment.

Witty will meet with BJE school principals before approaching the Ministry.

An Ontario Ministry of Education spokesman has said that Roman Catholic religion courses would have to be optional to qualify them for credit under the plan. In Jewish high schools, religion classes are presently mandatory, with no credit allowable.

**Fare War Challenge To El Al**

Scheduled airlines flying to Israel are planning to improve their services, step up flight frequency, and offer special fares in response to the new Israeli government policy permitting charter flights from more and more countries.

El Al heads in Europe met in Zurich recently with managing director Mordechai Hod to discuss ways to meeting the challenge presented by the charter flights to Israel. They also discussed the air fare battle of the scheduled airlines.

The other international carriers who fly into Israel are also devising policies to meet the new situation. British Airways have decided to put on 500 extra seats on the Tel Aviv route next year as part of their drive to fight the threat of the charters.

A charter subsidiary of British Airways, British Air Tours, is planning to introduce very low cost charter flights.

El Al cannot compete, Hod said recently.

El Al is also suffering on the Atlantic route, which provides 40 per cent of the company's income. The fare war is cutting into El Al profits. The answers will lie in increased productivity and even higher occupancy on the company's planes, Hod said.

To meet the challenge of the charters, El Al plans to offer cheap seats on regular flights, part-charters. It will also operate charter flights through a daughter company.

The company is also seeking additional landing rights in various parts of the world: Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago and Boston; Brazil and Argentina; and Bangkok.

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**Museum of Diaspora Inaugurated in Israel**

by W. Gunther Plaut, President, Canadian Jewish Congress

"Gala Inauguration" said the handsome invitation, and gala it turned out to be. The Frederick Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv was packed to capacity with such celebrities as Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, who attracted the media in Israel no less than she does elsewhere, and soon-to-be-retired President Ephraim Katzir, who spoke along with the irrepressible 84-year-old former president of the World Jewish Congress, the never dull and usually controversial Nachum Goldmann.

It was an evening to be remembered, part of the 30th anniversary celebration of the Jewish state and, in particular, it marked the opening of a remarkable new institution.

Beth Hatefutsot is its Hebrew name, Museum of the Diaspora its English name. When it reaches its full potential some years hence, the museum will be an important complement to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the six million. Up to now, Israeli youth have tended to view the Diaspora of the past as a passing and forgettable phase of our history, and the Beth Hatefutsot was founded precisely in order to place the record of the Diaspora — which is almost as old as the Jewish people itself — into its proper light.

Within the next few years, I understand, every young person in Israel will have visited this fascinating institution at least once during his or her school years, and there can be little doubt that when that comes to pass something important will happen to the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora.

A large attractive building on the campus of Tel Aviv University, vaguely resembling Toronto's Science Museum, it is, like the latter, more than a museum: it invites the active participation of the visitor. You can go into one of the many booths and there, in privacy view a film of your own selection. You may wish to be informed about the Jews in the 12th century Rhineland, or Sephardic wedding customs, or small communities in Canada (supplied by

Canadian Jewish Congress).

You can go to another computer and press a button, and seconds later the machine will surrender a print-out giving you the up-to-date information of any Jewish community in the world, past or present — the computerized data culled from the Encyclopedia Judaica.

Some years from now, you will also be able to ask the computer about your family and a genealogical sheet about your own ancestry will be handed to you. But that is not all: there are three floors of splendidly arranged exhibits taking you step by step through the centuries of our past, from ancient Egypt until today.

One may cavil with the emphasis which the institution's intellectual guide, Abba Kovner, has provided, but one goes away dazzled by the sweep of the imagination which pervades this latest monument of Jewish creativity. We all owe a great debt to those who helped to bring Beth Hatefutsot into being, and especially to the land-smanshaften of North America who raised the majority of funds. Next time you visit Israel, be sure to visit here, where your own past vividly touches your present.

**Begin To Visit Ottawa**

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin will visit Ottawa in September or October at the invitation of the Canadian government and the United Israel Appeal, according to Phil Granovsky, world chairman of Keren Hayesod-UIA.

Begin was to have come to Canada in early May, but he cancelled his trip at the suggestion of the UIA because its campaign had not begun and because of the possibility of a Canadian election.

"I told him that the fall — September or October — would be the best time to come," Granovsky said.

In addition to paying calls in Ottawa and Toronto, Begin may go to Montreal as well.

—Canadian Jewish News

**History Is Made: Civil Israeli Marriage**

What may have been the first civil marriage in Israel of a couple who would have qualified for a religious marriage if they so wished has been performed by Knesset-member and attorney Shulamit Aloni of the Civil Rights Party.

The marriage agreement was signed by the bride and groom, both Sabras, and countersigned by two witnesses, a man and a woman, at her office.

The names of the newlyweds were not disclosed to avoid possible harassment. Civil marriage is not recognized in Israel where the Orthodox rabbinate has exclusive control of such family matters. But the status of the couple is nevertheless legal under a regulation that recognizes common law marriage.

The marriage agreement covers all material aspects of the marital state, including the rights of children and stipulates that the couple can separate only if both parties agree.

Ms. Aloni has in the past performed marriages for couples denied wedding rites by the religious establishment for

halachic reasons. This couple, however, were both born of Jewish parents and did not fall into any of the categories where marriage is forbidden under religious law.


Both believe in freedom of conscience, religious freedom and equality of the sexes, Ms. Aloni said. Both are graduates of the youth movement, work on the land and served in the army.

She said she had a man and a woman serve as witnesses in order to avoid complications with the religious authorities should the couple ever decide to separate and re-wed according to Halacha.

She said that in such cases, the Israeli rabbinate would demand a formal — meaning religious — divorce even though it does not recognize the civil marriage. It does so to avoid any doubt as to the marital status of the couple, Ms. Aloni said.

If two men served as witnesses, doubt would exist on the part of the rabbinate, but since one of the witnesses was a woman, there would be no doubt because religious law does not permit a woman to testify in such cases, she explained.

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## Government Aids Refugees

Under the new Immigration Act proclaimed April 10, members of the family, refugees, and members of groups designated as deserving humanitarian treatment will receive the highest priority when seeking to immigrate to Canada.

Canada's international obligations toward refugees are clearly acknowledged; so too is Canada's humanitarian tradition with respect to the accommodation of the displaced and the persecuted.

Refugees seeking resettlement in Canada will be assessed against the factors in the point system but will not receive a point rating as before. Instead, the assessment will be used to evaluate their prospects for successfully adapting to Canadian life, taking into consideration the amount of settlement assistance available to them from government or private sources in this country.

The new Regulations expand on the refugee provisions in the Act by establishing a refugee sponsorship program whereby Canadian groups and organizations can assist the admission and resettlement of refugees and other persecuted and displaced people. Sponsoring groups will be able to provide immediate material assistance such as food, clothing and accommodation, as well as longer-term moral support in the form of counselling and orientation to Canadian life, and individual care and attention that cannot be given through government services.

"Such assistance will enhance the chances of many refugees who might not otherwise be accepted, and make resettlement easier while allowing sponsoring groups to express their humanitarian concern in concrete terms," the Minister for Employment and Immigration, Bud Cullen, said.

The new Canadian Act and Regulations tie immigration to long-term demographic planning and Canadian labour market needs through changes in selection criteria and the establishment of a closer working arrangement with the provinces. For the first time in Canada's history, according to the Minister, the objectives of immigration policy have been spelled out in clear form. Among the principles embodied

are those of non-discrimination, respect for the family, the humanitarian treatment of refugees, and the linking of the

immigration program to national demographic, economic, social, and cultural goals.

### Jewish Population Figures

from the 1978 American Jewish Yearbook	
The world in 1977	14,259,525
The world in 1976	14,144,525
Population by Country	
United States	5,775,935
Israel	3,059,000
Soviet Union	2,678,000
France	650,000
Great Britain	410,000
Canada	305,000
Argentina	300,000
South Africa	118,000
Population by Continent	
The Americas	47 per cent
Europe	29 per cent
Asia	22 per cent
Africa	1.5 per cent
Australia, New Zealand	.5 per cent

### Israel Briefs

#### Earn International Song Award

The Alpha Betas, an Israeli singing group, has brought special honours to its country by winning the prestigious Eurovision song contest in Paris. Yizhar Cohen, who is of Yeminite background, is lead singer. The winning tune was "A-Ba-Ni-Bi."

Since the winning country customarily holds the contest the succeeding year, the Israeli Broadcasting Authority immediately began planning the next contest in Jerusalem. Problems exist, however, since Israel does not have colour television and presently lacks the necessary equipment.

#### Immigration and Emigration

The United States continues to provide the largest number of immigrants to Israel (2600). This is followed by South Africa, France, the United Kingdom and Canada, in descending order.

Recent aliyah totals from Canada show an increase in the number of Canadians moving to Israel. In 1976, 279 made aliyah and in 1977, 337 immigrated there from Canada.

However, slightly more people (1078) formerly living in Israel moved to Canada last year than the year before, according to statistics from the Canadian Ministry of Employment and Immigration.

#### Freeze on Taxes and Prices

In an agreement hammered out after several months' negotiations with the labour organization, Histadrut, Simcha Erlich, Israel Finance Minister, announced a renewable freeze on taxes, prices and service charges valid until October 1.

In return, Histadrut will promise support in limiting pay increases to 15 per cent.

The country stands to lose \$45-million, but Erlich is determined to maintain this agreement in order to keep inflation down to 30 per cent this year.

The price freeze applies to basic foods, public transport, fuel and water.

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